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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Erik Leonard Hoffman ) Examiner: David C. Comstock  
Serial No.: 10/037,318 ) Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: November 7, 2001 )  
Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN )  
IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP )  
PROSTHESIS )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 27, 2004. Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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